

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#41A
3-9-01
M.L.

In re the Application of: HIDEFUMI KONDO, et al.

Filed : Concurrently herewith
For : ELECTRONIC MAIL SYSTEM
Serial No. : Concurrently herewith

January 4, 2001

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

S I R:

Prior to the issuance of an Office Action, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

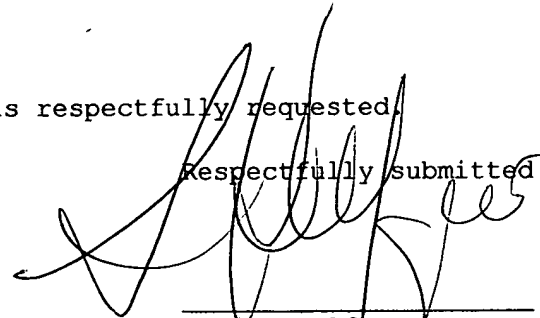
Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2"

REMARKS

This amendment has been filed to avoid improper multiple dependent claims.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted



Samson Helfgott
Reg. No. 23/072

HELFGOTT & KARAS, P.C.
60th FLOOR
EMPIRE STATE BUILDING
NEW YORK, NY 10118
DOCKET NO.: FUJY18.187
LHH:priority